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TO : Director of Training
VIA : Chief, Operations School

FROM : Acting Chief, Headquarters Training

DATE: 8 December 1960

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 49
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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Nothing to report.

II. OTHER ITEMS

a. Clandestine Services Review (CSR): Clandestine Services Review Number 31 is progressing smoothly. So far there have been few substitutions of speakers in this running. [REDACTED] notes 25X1A9a an increase in the interest shown by guest speakers in the course, particularly by the DD/S representatives. Col. White and [REDACTED] 25X1A9a appeared on Wednesday, 7 December 1960 and gave their usual informative talks. Informal notes prepared by [REDACTED] on these two presentations are attached. 25X1A9a

b. Covert Action Operations: Covert Action Operations Number 47 is in its second week and, except for the loss of some guest lecturers due to emergency assignments elsewhere, is also progressing smoothly. New presentations which were favorably received were [REDACTED] 25X1A9a on the [REDACTED] operations and [REDACTED] on political action 25X1C [REDACTED] again visited this group for three hours 25X1A9a last Monday auditing economic action lectures.

[REDACTED] and I have made arrangements to discuss the contents of a proposed underdeveloped areas seminar with senior covert action officers in the operating divisions. We hope to identify and delimit the outstanding operational problems in the underdeveloped areas in these discussions and obtain the basis for a tight schedule for the seminar. We would rather approach the operating divisions than the functional staffs because the latter would only insist upon defending their vested interests and on getting "equal representation"; the result would be a seminar broken down pretty much along the lines of the current CAO course. We, of course, hope to avoid this by presenting a tight program keyed to operations in these areas.

c. Information Reports Familiarization: The Information Reports Familiarization Course Number 13 began on 5 December with six students. A seventh student joined the class on 7 December. [REDACTED] of course, likes to work with small groups and give them his individual attention. Unfortunately he was absent yesterday due to illness. The students were given reading assignments to occupy them until he returns.

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[REDACTED] met on 1 December with representatives of the CI Staff and SR and EE Divisions to discuss in detail the revision of the CI courses. They spent three hours working out various aspects of the program preparatory to a meeting scheduled for 9 December at which a larger group of interested officers will agree on the final course schedules and curricula to be submitted to you. Meanwhile [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] have been working on the necessary supporting papers. 5X1A9a

Tutorial CI instruction for two NE officers is in its second week and progressing satisfactorily.

25X1A9a e. Clandestine Services Liaison Operations: Clandestine

Services Liaison Operations Number 14 concluded on 6 December 1960.

The ten students comprised a mature, receptive, and active group.

They participated actively in the discussions and in the question

and answer periods. [REDACTED] noted that all of the students,

without exception, commented favorably on the course in their final

critiques. The two students, [REDACTED] from 25X1A9a

the SR Division were most outspokenly positive and enthusiastic; this

is particularly interesting as the SR Division has been critical of

the value of the CSLO in terms of its own needs, a criticism based

on assumptions since no SR officer has ever taken the course. The

participation of these two officers was specifically to determine

the value of the CSLO in terms of the SR Division needs. Their

enthusiastic response should help set the record straight.

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[REDACTED] is attending the special OTR course on conference and seminar leadership.

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f. Scientific and Technical Operations: Tutorial instruction for [REDACTED] of SR Division continues.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

Nothing to report.

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